

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: CEDAR-WAPSIE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-34
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ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION

(Issued December 21, 1999)

On September 24, 1999, Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc. (Cedar), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999). Cedar intends to provide local exchange service in the Sumner, Fredericksburg, New Hampton, Nashua, and Waverly exchange areas currently served by US West Communications, Inc. (U S West), and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). No objections were filed.

IOWA CODE § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Board finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with the public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed Cedar's application and finds it has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to Cedar.

Cedar stated it concurs with the local exchange boundary maps of U S West and GTE currently on file with the Board and stated to the extent the exchanges are changed in the future, it will adopt all changes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Cedar-Wapsie Communications, Inc., on September 24, 1999, is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.
2. At the time Cedar files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by Cedar, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Cedar to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. At the time Cedar files tariffs with the Board, it shall file a statement that a 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity is available for all customers.

4. Cedar's concurrence in the exchange maps of U S West Communications, Inc., and GTE Midwest Incorporated is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of December, 1999.